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THE SAGINAW VALLEY.

Its History----Its Resources--

There is perhaps no section of country within this Peninsula that presents so many attractions to the hardy adventurer who seeks a home in the West, or for the enterprising business man or capitaltaries which empty into the river from which it derives its name. The river is formed by the confluence of the Tittabawassee, flowing from the North-west, the Cass from the East, some three miles above the city, and the Flint and Shia-

level, varying from 30 to 50 feet above the surface of the river, and the soil consists of a rich loam, at intervals of a substratum of clay. and is extremely rich and productive .-It abounds in heavy timber of every description, and its pine lands, in extent Indians. The United States propose to Such is the account given by an intel and accessibility for the purposes of the open a way through it immediately, but and accessibility for the purposes of the lumber trade, are perhaps unequaled by any in the State.

The history of Saginaw dates back to 1819, during which year a treaty was made by Gov. Cass with the Chippeway of Detroit, and subsequently, during the late war with Great Britain, a military post was established on the site on which the City of Saginaw is now built; but until the country was rightfully open to immigration, there could be no extensive agricultural settlements. The subsequent survey of these lands by the U. S. Government, and their sale to settlers, may be said to be the beginning of the history of the Saginaw Valley. Yet as late as 1830, most of the territory around Saginaw Bay and west and north of it, was but little known, and was represented to be of a very uninviting character, the soil mostly interspersed with sand ridges, and the climate severe, and the country filled with wild beasts and savages.

Saginaw country was entirely overlooked. We cannot, perhaps, give our readers a more interesting illustration of the views which were taken of that country by intelligent citizens of Detroit, or by observing strangers in that day, than by quoting strangers in that day, than by quoting a passage or two from the "Memoirs, Letters and Remains of M. de Tocqueville," the distinguished French traveler, No attempt to reason with such a porter the Wilderness," he announces that one of the things he was most curious about, on arriving in America, was to visit the miles, to Saginaw, having lost their way in the spring of 1848 the settlement leisure. Such is a bird's eye view of the brands. extreme limits of European civilization ; and in order to gratify that laudable curi-

"from curiosity, he cannot understand. They arrived at the Saginaw River, there has been a rapid increase, and the bors, Besides dwelling in a wilderness, he rather late in the evening, and were con-population is now estimated to be over cake that hold the prizes only man's work. He rends you veyed across in a cance, swimming their 4,000. It contains upward of 800 dwell with the English peer as to the to visit a road, a bridge, a pretty vil- horses, and landing at a point now known ing houses, 35 stores, some of them large truth of his remarks, they also "to visit a road, a bridge, a pretty vil- norses, and landing at a point now and a sud elegant brick ones, 8 machine shops, that such lofty monarchs must be large; but that you should admire large as the "Saginaw City." It was then a sud elegant brick ones, 8 machine shops, that such lofty monarchs must be larged factories, numerous steam saw the necessities of the times, and trees, or wild scenery, is to him incom- small, cultivated plain, with a few huts, 6 barrel factories, numerous steam saw prehensible. We could make no one the farthest point inhabited by Europe- mills, mechanic shops and salt works; 5 down to the At last he called upon Major John an advanced post, a picket guard of the Methodist, I German Methodist, I Episist, as that known as the "Saginaw Valley," and the region drained by the tribuley," and the region drained by the tribu-

as persons who had not quite made up ment lands. De Tocqueville adds :-" Major Biddle understood perfectly

above the city, and the Flint and Shiawassee from the South, some four miles
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it empties, and near its mouth, it is navigable for all descriptions of lake craft—
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to be thought of in that quarter.111 The author adds that, after thanking in its primitive days; and his predictions Major Biddle for his advice, "they deter- of its future greatness. Thirty-one years " mined to take it in a contrary sense." ago the whole district of country between nation, by which the Indian title was ex- Had they understood the character of Pontiac and Saginaw was an unbroken tinguished to all that section of the Pe- that gentleman, they would not have felt forest, with no avenue through it except ninsula, beginning at a point nearly west themselves compelled to practice such a the Indian's trail; now it is accessible by from Detroit, sixty miles, and running rece to have obtained the desired inform- railroad and stages, with two lines runnorth on the line known as the principal ation. There was no gentleman in the ning each day-the whole country along Meridian, thence to the head of Thunder Territory more honorable or high-mind- the route under a fine state of cultiva-Bay River, and following the course of ed, than Major Biddle: not one who tion, with neat villages, elegant villas and that river, to Lake Huron. Previous to would have been more gratified to have farm houses, and everything indicating this, the country was almost exclusively dispensed the hospitalities of his mansion, the thrift and maturity of advanced civilin the possession of the Indians. There or who would have more cordially entered ization. Then Saginaw City was a mere was a French trading post, under the into the plans of the distinguished stran- post, with about thirty persons, dependation, had they frankly disclosed their ing and fishing for their living; now it is viting and productive region, and their purposes. The next day they proceeded a thriving city, with a population of some united energies and industry contribute on horseback on their way, towards Sag- 2,500 inhabitants, several churches, a inaw, taking Pontiac on their route .- printing office, a number of stores, mills The writer gives a graphic description of and manufacturing establishments, inthe wild scenery which he and his com- cluding salt works, and the shire town of panion beheld for the first time on their a rapidly growing county. Then it apjourney through the wilderness, -of their peared to the resident inhabitants-if arrival after sundown at Pontiac, then they gave any thought to the future at containing "about twenty very neat and all-as only a promising post on the outpretty houses," clustered within a clear- skirts of civilization, where for a long ing of about a square half mile; of their number of years the trinkets and gewstay in Pontiac, and of the words of ad- gaws of the Indian trade might be profitvice that were uttered by one of those ably exchanged for furs and peltries: eracles of wisdom, known as a village now the nucleus of a valuable trade, an landlord. They left Pontiac next morning, and called at Mr. Williams', some which opens the products of the rich surpears as, if it were released, it might be miles in the forest, to obtain information miles in the forest, to obtain information In 1831, the Territory of Michigan as to the route, the dangers from Indians, the civilized world. began to attract the attention of adventurers, and the Southern counties to the St. Joseph River, and Washtenaw and Oakland were rapidly filling up with the Chippeways, and had a son then estimated word.

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once or twice on their journey. Night was organized under the name of Buena fall came, and thus the writer describes Vista, and at the first town meeting,

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of gratifying the passion which had led of the American posts when he sung "Woodman spare that tree," is little heeded. Every thing in the form of shrubbery which the axe can persons, men, women, old people and extensive ship-yard, 2 flouring mills, 1 that grow beneath him there, and during his visit indulged printing offices, several stave and sliftigle manufactories, and the usual proportion

or instigated by the capidity of those who offer them. Making all allowances for these, and rejecting all doubtful authorify, we think we shall be able to state such reliable facts concerning the resources of the Saginaw Valley, as will arrest the carnest attention of our readers.

Its Lumber Prospects and Trade -- East Saginaw.

We yesterday referred to the history the Saginaw Valley, its early settleof the Saginaw Valley, its early settle-ment, some of its prominent features as a commercial point, and the rapid settle-ment of East Saginaw, which is now the principal city of the valley. We propose to pursue the subject further, and to make some special reference, to-day, to the lumber trade of that region. Though East Saginaw is the particular stand point from which we have derived our mpressions, and the chief source whence have obtained our facts, the reader must not infer by any means that it cou-The course of the river from the confluto the common prosperity and wide spread renown of this rich and growing

with us to the elevated observatory or the Bancroft House, where an extende many miles up and down the river. A more interesting panorams can scarcely be imagined, whether regarded as a spectacle for the admirer of nature, as she presents herself in her primitive form and richest profusion; or as a field for the ambition of the practical adventurer who desires competency, or wealth, as the rehardy immigrants, and small villages bejourney, occasionally meeting Indians brated the occasion by cutting down the
gan to form the centres of trade; but the and pioneer woodsmen, and long after first tree on that side of the river. Mr. the woodman's axe. The intervening

Saginaw Valley, and those who inhabit We will here state a curious fact to it, from a single point.

reach is ent down; scarcely a tree being left as an object of beauty, or as a grateful screen against the scoreling sum sun. But let us take a utilitarian

over six hundred cargoes were shipped carrying away about 75,000,000 feet opine lumber, exclusive of staves and shingles, leaving about 55,000,000 fees of which is of upper qualities; of the dealers for the Eastern markets. The balance is held by the manufacturers. There are between forty and forty-five mills in the valley, capable of manufac-turing from 120,000,000 to 130,000,000 per annum, the actual amount maured averaging 90,000,000. With Infreights the tendency of lumber is to the Eastern market; when freights are high, with the exception of the highest grade, it is shipped to Milwaukee and Chier The higher grades are generally East to Albany and New England, thence to California, the Pacific Isla and to England. The lower grades are sent to Milwankee and Chicago Ohio. The present selling rates, pa qualities, are, for culled, \$3 per 1,000 common, \$5 50 to \$6; select box, \$5 fourth, from \$10 to \$12; clear from \$1 Saginaw, is settled by an enterprising to hard and soft pine. The average price to hard and soft pine. The average price to hard and soft pine. The average price of all grades is estimated at \$8 per 1,000. to \$17-prices depending upon the style East Saginaw with cargoes direct for England and the Southern States. Las summer two large rafts of heavy square timber were shipped to Montreal and Quebec, and thence to England. Their Quebec, and thence to England. Their aggregate value was estimated at \$45,000. The unequal and unjust provisions of the Reciprocity bill are causes of bitter complaint with the Saginaw lumber me; chants, the discrimination on that staple being decidedly in favor of the Canadians. ans. They very properly urge a modifi-cation that shall better protect them.— The trade in oak timber has scarcely yet commenced, excepting in the form

The manufacture of staves is a heavy business in the Saginaw Valley, and next to lumber is a branch of trade that demands notice. We regret to say that our memorands is not complete under this head. We have before us the amount

Letters and Remains of M. de Tocqueville," the distinguished French traveler,
and author of "Democracy in America,"
who visited this country in 1831, and
whose observations and notes have just
been translated and published in English. In a chapter on "A Fortnight in
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